

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

Candida auris Colonization Testing (Version 1)

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| Specimen Type | Collection Time | Collection Frequency | Collection Procedures | Transport Media | Shipping & Handling (S&H)* |
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| Skin swabs collected from axilla and/or groin | NA | NA | <p>Single swabs axilla and groin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rub both sides of the swab tip over the left axilla skin surface and then the right, targeting the crease in the skin where the arm meets the body. • Rub both sides of the groin surface skin at the inguinal crease where the leg meets the pelvic region. | Nylon-flocked swab (BD Eswab collection and transport system) | <p>Transport device: BD ESwab collection and transport system; Becton Dickinson and Company, Sparks, MD.</p> <p>Rejection Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-HAI approved samples. ○ Does not meet <i>Candida auris</i> screening testing criteria. ○ Broken transport device. ○ Leaking specimen. ○ Requisition form/isolate discrepancies. <p>Transport: Ship at 4°C or on ice.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Ship as Category B.</p> <p>Storage: Avoid storage of specimen, ship immediately to allow for testing within 96 hours of collection.</p> |

General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.

NOTE:

Specimens will not be processed until ALL of the following information are provided on requisition form:

- Patient name, patient's county of residence, and second identifier.
- Two matching identifiers on both the tube and the laboratory requisition form.
- Specimen type, date of collection, and test requested.
- Submitter name, address, and telephone/FAX numbers.
- Reason for testing at WAPHL.

Collection kit availability

Provided by WAPHL upon request.

Comments

Additional patient sampling sites may be considered upon request (Nares, oropharynx, external ear canal, vagina, and rectum).